

A NEW TERMITE FROM INDIA.

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TERMOPSIS WROUGHTONI, n. sp.

Winged form. Upperside yellowish-brown; head and prothorax darker, reddish-brown.

Head rounded, flat. Eyes large, almost reniform. Ocelli totally absent.

Antennæ longer than head and prothorax, of 24 segments; first segment longer than 2nd, third segment shorter than 2nd.

Prothorax narrower than the head, lateral sides depressed.

Cerci long, of 6 segments. Abdominal papillæ long.

Tarsi furnished with a plantula.

The wings venation is that of *Termopsis*, notwithstanding some difference.

The costal area is on the whole similar, but while the mediana of *T. angusticollis*, Hagen, of California (the only one living known species of this genus, of which the winged form is described) is nearly straight from base to apex, the mediana of our species is distinctly curved, and the greatest distance between it and the subcosta lies near the middle of its curve.

The submediana is far longer than it is the case with *T. angusticollis*, and the number of the veins it emits is also greater.

The veins are almost invisible, with exception of the costal branches, and of the basalbranches springing from the submediana, which are distinct.

Length of the body: 11 mm.

Length and width of anterior wing: 19×5 , 5 mm.

Soldier: Robust. Head rectangular, reddish-brown, anterior portion darker; mandibles black.

Eyes present, small, ovoid, black.

Left mandible furnished with a very strong tooth.

Mesothorax and metathorax furnished with rudiments of wings similar to those which Hagen describes and figures for the soldier of *Termopsis occidentis* (V. Linnæa Entom. XII, p. ff, pl. 1, f. 8).

A peculiar character of this soldier is the exceptional size of the cerci which are much longer than in any other known Termite, and which give

to the posterior part of this soldier some resemblance with that of an earwig.

Length : 15 mm.

Hab : Kashmir Valley. (Rob. C. Wroughton ; June 1903).

I take much pleasure in naming this species after Mr. Wroughton who was so good as to collect for me these interesting specimens, which I received together with a few other white-ants through the kindness of the Hon. Secretary of the Bombay Natural History Society.

The discovery of a *Termopsis* in India is of the highest interest.

This genus was hitherto only represented by two species inhabiting California and Central America and by two fossil species from the amber of Ceningen (Prussia).

The foregoing description is but a preliminary note. The specimens collected by Mr. Wroughton were rather damaged when they reached me, and an examination of new specimens will enable me to give a complete and definitive description of *Termopsis Wroughtoni*.
